

## DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE BILL ANALYSIS

**AMENDMENT DATE:** 06/15/2012

**POSITION:** Oppose

**BILL NUMBER:** SB 1288

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**RELATED BILLS:** SB 1287 (Harman)

### **BILL SUMMARY: Hunting Licenses**

Existing law requires the Department of Fish and Game (DFG) to issue a reduced-fee hunting license to a disabled veteran.

This bill would require DFG to issue a reduced-fee hunting license to active military personnel who are recovering from injury.

### **FISCAL SUMMARY**

The bill would reduce the typical hunting license fee from \$41.46 to \$6.44 for recovering military personnel. DFG issued 2,341 reduced-fee hunting licenses for disabled veterans in the 2011 license year. If a similar number of recovering service members purchase reduced-fee hunting licenses under this bill, revenue to the Fish and Game Preservation Fund (FGPF) would be reduced by approximately \$80,000 annually. Currently, the FGPF is structurally imbalanced as expenditures exceed revenue.

### **COMMENTS**

The Department of Finance (Finance) is opposed to the bill. While the intent of the bill is meritorious, this bill would result in a reduction in revenue to the FGPF which is structurally imbalanced by approximately \$17.7 million.

Finance notes another bill, Senate Bill (SB) 1287, proposes a reduced fee for sport fishing licenses to recovering service members. If approved, SB 1287 would also provide a reduction in revenue to the FGPF.

Code/Department Agency or Revenue Type	SO	(Fiscal Impact by Fiscal Year)							
	LA	(Dollars in Thousands)							
	CO	PROP						Fund	
	RV	98	FC	2011-2012	FC	2012-2013	FC	2013-2014	Code
1215/Fish GameLic	RV	No	U	--	U	40	U	80	0200
<u>Fund Code</u>	<u>Title</u>								
0200	Fish and Game Preservation Fund								

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